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02:00 pm - 03:30 pm AUDITORIUM RICHELIEU LEVEL 1

**FOC1 FREE ORAL COMMUNICATION SESSION 1**

**Genito-Ulcer Diseases: Where are we now?**

Chairs: Claudia Heller-Vitouch (A), Pieter van Voorst Vader (NL)

- 02:00 pm **O.001** CAN WE RELIABLY DIAGNOSE SYPHILIS?  
J. Scythes\* - C. M. Jones - (Canada)
- 02:10 pm **O.002** EVALUATION OF TREP-SURE ; A NEW FIRST LINE EIA FOR THE DETECTION OF TOTAL ANTI-TREPONEMAL ANTIBODIES  
R. Notenboom\* - M. Meddens - K. Nagy - (Canada, Hungary)
- 02:20 pm **O.003** AFFINITY MATURATION OF SPECIFIC IGG ANTIBODIES IN SYPHILIS SEROLOGY  
B. Schmidt\* - (Austria)
- 02:30 pm **O.004** RAPID TEST FOR SYPHILIS CONTROL IN PREGNANT WOMEN: A REALITY IN RURAL AREAS OF BOLIVIA  
F. Tinajeros\* - S. Garcia - R. Revollo - C. Diaz - D. Grossman - B. Adele - (Bolivia, Brazil, Mexico, USA)
- 02:40 pm **O.005** CLINICAL FEATURES OF CONGENITAL SYPHILIS IN BELARUS  
O. Pankratov\* - (Belarus)
- 02:50 pm **O.006** GENITAL ULCERATIONS : A PROSPECTIVE STUDY OF 280 CASES (1995-2005)  
V. Anyfantakis\* - P. Bonhomme - J. Louison - T. Tandeau de Marsac - B. Chaine - P. Vallée - I. Casin - C. Scieux - F. Lassau - M. Janier - (France)
- 03:00 pm **O.007** A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY OF 24 CASES OF SYMPTOMATIC NEUROSYPHILIS; DECLARED BETWEEN 2000 TO 2005 IN A DEPARTMENT OF INFECTIOUS AND TROPICAL DISEASES  
E. Hope-Rapp\* - A. Canestri - L. Paris - F. Bricaire - P. Le Hoang - E. Caumes - (France)
- 03:10 pm **O.008** ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE OF AN OUTBREAK OF SYPHILIS IN TURIN  
S. Delmonte\* - M. Bernengo - S. Rondoletti - (Italy)
- 03:20 pm **O.009** LARGE HETEROSEXUAL SYPHILIS OUTBREAK IN THE REGION OF AACHEN, GERMANY  
U. Marcus\* - O. Hamouda - V. Bochat - (Germany)

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02:00 pm - 03:30 pm ROOM COLBERT LEVEL 2

**SY2 SYMPOSIUM 2 -HPV INFECTION**

Chairs: Mihael Skerlev (HR), Fabrice Bouscarat (F), Jane Sterling (UK)

- SY2-1** Genital warts : clinical and therapeutic problems in HIV-negative and HIV-positive patients  
Fabrice Bouscarat (F)
- SY2-2** HPV genital infections in males : clinical aspects and the sense of the HPV-DNA typing  
Mihael Skerlev (HR)
- SY2-3** A quantified green tea extract in the treatment of external ano-genital warts  
Gerd Gross (D)
- SY2-4** Is vaccination the answer to HPV infection ?  
Jane Sterling (UK)
- SY2-5** HPV, anal intraepithelial neoplasia and carcinoma in MSM  
Joel Palefsky (USA)

02:30 pm - 03:30 pm ROOM MONTESQUIEU LEVEL 2

**SRHR NETWORK**

Establishing Meeting of the Network of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for Countries of Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Western Balkans

Chair: Marius Domeika (SE)

03:30 pm - 04:00 pm MAZARIN HALL LEVEL 0

Coffee break and visit of the Exhibition area



I would like to thank  
the scientific committee for  
this opportunity to sum up our  
sy screening experience.

did as well to ~~highlight~~ <sup>our work in Tor & Budapest</sup>  
→ avoid our co-chairs

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Method <sup>slide</sup> ③ 500 HIV(+) pts at a dedicated HIV clinic received regular  
serial RPR & TPHA testing <sup>18 months</sup>  
slide ④ - Birmingham  
slide ⑤ - Helsinki

→ slide ⑥ Results. No RPRs! / 500 pts had completely lost  
TPHA reactivity in our observation <sup>was</sup> almost  
2 years on average. Several selected to  
have sy re-treatment. Three I knew well  
became TPHA(+) during therapy - there was  
severe therapeutic paradox in two of the men I  
knew. No classical symptoms of sy appeared.

Slide ⑦ Method <sup>2nd group</sup> 250 gay men in the UoGTS HIV/AIDS epidemiology  
project.  
125 (+) HIV 125 HIV(-). and about 15 <sup>HIV</sup> seroconverters  
slide ⑧ Amsterdam <sup>sy serology</sup> the five year follow-up study. No RPRs in

slide ⑨ Results: This high risk group TPHA titres dropped, or  
went to negative, in 24 of the HIV(+) men, while only  
one HIV(-) person lost treponemal ab. Antibodies  
of other specificities did not drop. Treponemal  
antibody was disappearing in these men - at least at  
the cut-offs (80 dil) back then. Other centres  
also found this problem - Brian Evans (UK) & Bail  
Belar/Jenifer Hays at San Francisco General. No symptoms  
of sy itself.

3rd group

Method <sup>3rd group</sup> Slide ⑩ 557 persons at a downtown Toronto clinic were  
screened with RPR, TPHA, and TrepChk, a recombinant  
trep ag based test using batched ags grown in E. Coli.

slide ⑪ ASM meeting abstract Los Angeles 2000  
slide ⑫ Results: no RPRs / 557 persons  
27 TPHA(+) 27 TrepChk(+) 24 (+) or equiv in the Mardx blot. Only 4/27 traced.



4th group:

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slide (13) our ~~first~~ 4th group: 183 men from two derm out-p'ts clinics were screened with RPR, TPHA, HIV, serologies, and as well were screened for T.p. DNA on whole blood. C.D.C.

slide (14) Ottawa K88 TDR

slide (15) Hungarian Archiv of Derm.

slide (16) Results: 6 out pts with HIV were sy PCR neg. 2 were HIVs sy PCR (+) 13/183 had contact with sy by our PCR and only 4/13 of these <sup>PCR(+)</sup> were TPHA(+) treated cases. So 9/13 had latent sy by NAA. We did repeat testing. The test seems correct. It detected about 100 Tp /ul DNA or more. ~~PCR signed~~ One only had RPR (+) results. No signs or symptoms of early syphilis appeared during our study period of over a year in each group.

slide (17) (21) conclusions:

(22) sobering quotes:

(23) J.E. Moore: and add in Earle Moore's (Baltimore) <sup>other work:</sup> on non-trep tests: During infectious relapse, or in cases of reinfection proven by direct detection of Tp, non-trep tests had a sensitivity of only 66% as compared to the 100% seen in the first-time infection. THE MOUSE and add in Ron Ballard (CDC) on DNA of Tp in early <sup>GUD</sup> infection episode. 62% of <sup>TP</sup> DNA(+) specimens were RPR(-) when other GUD proteins were present. The other GUDs result in atypical <sup>clinical</sup> presentations, and seem to change the antigen processing for syphilis.

Supported by all experimental sy studies  
re-infection

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- (24) Thomas: ~~this quote~~ introduce "syphilisation" idea. Paris 1870 Dermatol literature.  
 introduce Bernhard Dettner, colleague of EWT at the Bellevue, from (Aust) ARH Wien, fled in 1939 as did KL to NYC.

Dettner: that <sup>82%</sup> ~~most~~ of his pts with later sy and ns, had lifelong loss of TB recall. @ EC type IV recall was ablated. 80% of regular hosp admissions still reacted

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- (25) California Medicine (gay men) again, we see the effect of repeated sy infection - less classical symptoms to bring the patient in for care. Cite KK Holmes 7th Harrison, 1st one I owned: Gay men in the 70s basically 80% of infectious sy was not followed up with contact tracing or serology

Cite Emily Bobelding and Anne Roupale recent JHU work: 62% of FHIV (+) men in Baltimore did not come back in for repeat syph serology, and in the men who died failure rates were high indeed. Musher argues failure rates for 2<sup>nd</sup> sy as high as 40%!

- (26) Musher slide:

- (27) Larsen slide: Immunology to diagnose sy? maybe not can do it!

(28) last pg. Immunity to syphilis does not exist... NY states sy. page

Interesting reading: 10 things on sy, you can't get on the Net yet!!!

maybe a bit out of context but SAL also said regarding treatment of sy evidence clinical: good serologic: fair biologic: poor. Collart, Pierre Fortin, Michel

Recent in-depth review



All the sy (HIV) changes in the pre 1970:

- multiple primaries
- overlapping stages
- violent exanthema
- delayed serologic response / failures
- very high non-trop & trop ab titres
- precocious tertiaryism.
- malignant syphilis

all seen pre-1960 ??? So what's new? HIV? maybe.

Skin testing with lectin preparations:

never worked despite success with

leishmanin, histoplasmin, pneumocystin, coccidioidin, tuberculin, etc  
blastomycosin

Sy direct detection: ~~used~~ at least 4 methods:

- 1 - Dark Field
- 3 - DFA radio-labelled staining
- 2 - RIT
- 4 - Molecular diagnosis by NAT (PCR)

- Atypical sy in HIV infection

- where is the opport. sy in HIV disease?  
why is the % HIV so small on detection